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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request the Examiner to consider the references listed in the attached PTO-1449. These references are cited in the International Search Report issued in PCT/EP02/12387 which is based on the same German priority application as the subject application. Copies of the International Search Report and the references are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO-1449 after considering the references.

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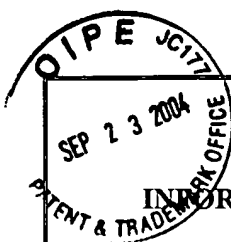
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